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POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. CHINA CANNOT
HIDE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST
THE DRA:

-- CHINA IS WORKING WITH IMPERIALISM TO PROVOKE MURDER
AND VIOLENCE. CHINESE INSTRUCTORS IN PAKISTAN TRAIN
AFGHAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES, PROVIDE THEM WITH CHINESE
WEAPONS, AND THEN SEND THEM TO PERPETRATE CRIMES AGAINST
THE AFGHAN PEOPLES:

-- THE FACTS CONFIRM THAT PEKING IS FOLLOWING AN ANTI-
AFGHAN POLICY, HAS ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WITH
IMPERIALISM, AND IS TRYING TO POSE OBSTACLES TO THE
APRIL REVOLUTION.

-- BUT, ACCORDING TO BAKHTAR, THE REVOLUTION IS IRREVERS-
IBLE AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF MILLIONS OF AFGHANS.

2. (C) COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF THE BAKHTAR PIECE ADDS
CHINA TO RELATIVE NEW-COMER IRAN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES
IDENTIFIED EXPLICITLY IN THE SOVIET PRESS AS BEING
INVOLVED IN AN "UNDECLARED WAR" AGAINST AFGHANISTAN.
(REF A). SINCE RESUMPTION OF THE SINO-SOVIET DIALOGUE LAST
SUMMER, THE PRESS HAS SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED MENTION OF
CHINESE INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. THE US, ALONG WITH
PAKISTAN, OF COURSE, CONTINUES TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF SOVIET
CRITICISM, BUT THE INTENSITY AND SHARPNESS OF MOSCOW'S
ATTACKS AGAINST PAKISTAN HAVE DIMINISHED OF LATE. MOSCOW
MAY NOT WANT TO BE SEEN AS PREJUDICING THE OUTCOME OF THE
GENEVA TALKS IN LIGHT OF THE RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC SOUNDS
THAT HAD BEEN COMING FROM ISLAMABAD AND CARACORVEZ.

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3. (C) ON A BILATERAL SINO-SOVIET NOTE, THE SOVIET PRESS
HAS NOW CARRIED INDIRECT CRITICISM OF THE PRE ON ALL THREE
OF THE MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF SECURITY CONCERN TO THE
CHINESE WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED DURING TALKS WITH MOSCOW--
MONGOLIA, KAMPUCHEA, AND NOW AFGHANISTAN.

FOR KABUL: MINIMIZE CONSIDERED

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